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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2788

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 2096

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, CI

SUBJ: CONTROVERSY OVER GERMAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILE

REF: BONN 5503

1. NKDIN ECON COORD RAUL SAEZ TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR APRIL 8 AND STATED HE FEARED A CRISIS MIGHT BE BREWING IN GERMAN-CHILEAN AFFAIRS WHICH COULD VERY ADVERSELY AFFECT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. SAEZ REPORTED THAT LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN CONTROVERSY IN GERMANY OVER DISPUTED 1973 FRG COMMITMENT TO EXTEND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILE (PARA 4 REFTL) WAS LETTER FROM MATTHOEFER DENYING COMMITMENT APPLIED AND CRITICIZING GOC IN UNMEASURED TERMS. SINCE MATTHOEFER IS A FRG CABINET MEMBER, SAEZ THOUGH GOC LIKELY TO TAKE EXTREMELY SERIOUS VIEW OF HARSH LANGUAGE USED.

3. SAEZ DID NOT REQUEST ANY PARTICULAR ACTION ON OUR PART. WE ARE SURE HE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE BEING
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KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SITUATION THROUGH

THIS EMBASSY TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT HE GETS FROM CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BONN, WITH WHICH HE IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT BY TELEPHONE. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED ON FACTUAL BASIS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. DURING CONVERSATION, SAEZ ALSO REVERTED OBLIQUELY TO THOUGHT THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT USG WOULD ENGAGE IN BILATERAL DEBT RESCHEDULING NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE, SHOULD PARIS CLUB MEETING FAIL TO MATERIALIZE, WOULD HAVE HELPFUL INFLUENCE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE DOUBTED THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE THIS WAS A PROMISING POSSIBILITY. SAEZ UNDERSTANDS THE DIFFICULTIES.
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